
For this column to Query Editor,
If problems will be solved, no col-
names will be given.

sanction. It was adopted after the
Norfolk Democratic Convention as a
party measure. The party at that time
pledged itself to legalize the primary
at the earliest possible moment, but
has not yet done so. Opinions differ
very much as to whether or not the
primary is a success, the general im-
pression being that while it is not a
model plan, it is a step in the right
direction and if properly protected by
law would be altogether satisfactory.
The chief advantages are its ex-
penditure and expediency. Its chief ad-
vantage is that it gives accumulated
experience to the will of the party
with the least with the trickiest
processes accompanies a convention.

The Legal Rate of Interest.
Please tell me the legal rate of in-
terest and tell me on a note in Vir-
ginia. AN OLD SUBSCRIBER

to two years, over accounts to

years. Accounts between married men for five years.

Distance from Home Plate to Pitcher's Box.

What is the correct distance from the home plate to the pitcher's box on the baseball diamond? **ANSWER**

60.5 feet.

fallen before. The sensation was perfectly familiar, although it was my first accident. Most of the time I knew that on that night I was going to have a tumble. I always work without a net, but I was almost tempted to use one. I have no fear that the others would talk about it. I did not, although I afterward wished that I had. Of course, I felt it may be a guardian angel that warns us. Whatever it is, there are few circus performers without a lively sense of it. It is the wisest thing to do to lay off for a performance, but I have seen a great deal of it. I like that. The evening I was nearest to passing I climbed to my little box on the top of the up near the top of the box. When I was about half way up my act I felt a rope slip, and I was less than a second I was plunging into the water.

the curb of the ring unless I could change my course. I did not lose consciousness. Indeed, every faculty seemed more than ever alert. I began to realize that I would strike. I realized, too, that I must relax my muscles unless I wanted to be broken in two. I thought of what would happen if I were killed flitted through my mind; along with insurance, what money I would do and say, and what my affairs and what things I all less time than it takes to think about them now. Anybody who has dreamed of falling has a notion of what would happen, too, so of — Harriet Quimby, it Leslie.

FRAUDS IN PICTURES.

My attitude of Rich Byners is Always Temptation to Swindlers.

So long as the new picture is on the screen, the swindlers will be successful by means of picture buying, so long will pictures be provided for him to buy.

dinate from that prime central financial energy the New World. A long will the effete and pampered representatives of the society which has alien wealth and power to their own profit and advantage. I know you or another Europe lives America.

And so the average picture dealer, Paris or elsewhere, the rich man can maintain his guard against nothing but the possibility of being taken some portion of the market in which he dealing may command expert advice and may surround himself with technical guides.

But how when historic glamor and social bluishments are brought into play? How if the proprietor of a picturesque named and picturesquely situated chateau, who has the habit of taxidermy and the taste of collecting, is acute enough to detect the chateau as a factory for faked pictures and that his showy entertainer a fraud?

The situation has developed in the favorite French province of automobile-loving Americans, Touraine. The complaints of an American tourist club have been taken up by local magistrates, has brought to light the whole elaborate scheme for bamboozling rich and ambitious travelers from the mid-West States.

We note with regret that the work of the brilliant operator is herself in America. It is not yet clear whether she

place nor a cat's-paw, but remain passive and ignorantly aloof from all this cheepery racket, and remain aloof from matters with which they are incompetent to deal; they might be able to out their superior in the matter of credit to themselves and greater advantage to their country.—Chicago Record-Herald.

BUYING GIRLS' CLOTHES.

New York Society Belle Spends For Them a Year

Thirty-nine girls of an established private school in this city have been interviewed on the cost of dress. They can largely be divided into two practically reasonable shoes. Those who declined intelligently made \$300 a year go far; the social contingent sent \$400; the fashion-conscious made \$500. Unlimited purses suggested, the intellectuals estimated clothing expenses of \$1,100 a year, while their flighty sisters estimated \$1,500.

Against these estimates we have Fifth Avenue dressmaker's declaration: half-a-dozen years ago a \$1,000 wardrobe was considered a fortune. Now and then a \$10,000 wardrobe was come low at \$5,000, and that it would more probably cost \$10,000 a year. In the testimony at the time of the experience of a consumer dealt with birds of fashion fully a wing.

All these expenditures of girls of the leisured class. They cannot be used as averages in general cost-of-living tables. It would seem that a better sociological point might be scored if the variation among girl students had so ranged her inquiries as to discover what age and under what influences wholesome contentment with simple yields to a departure into extravagance. If the measure could be sustained of the power of personal taste as against the lure of "pleasure," might not this prove to something of positive aesthetic or economic value?

Expert foreign critics affirm almost with one voice that American girls know how to "wear their clothes." Such knowledge, merits the accolade of an understanding how to be too prodigal in the provision of apparel.—New York World.

Contemplating a Change

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ND MAIN STREETS.